

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 2503-1193

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Valentino MERCATI

Confirmation No.

Application No. 10/564,100

Group Art Unit:

Filed: January 9, 2006

Examiner Unknown

Title: **PROCESS FOR OBTAINING TOBACCO LEAVES WITH A
STANDARDIZED NICOTINE CONTENT AND/OR IMPROVED
COMBUSTIBILITY**

THIRD REQUEST; SMALL ENTITY CLAIM AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Mail Stop 16
Attention Refunds Branch
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 and requests that 1/2 of the original filing fee, namely \$590.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 as this claim is filed within the three-month term. The original request, as evidenced by the accompanying stamped postcard, was filed on March 15, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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